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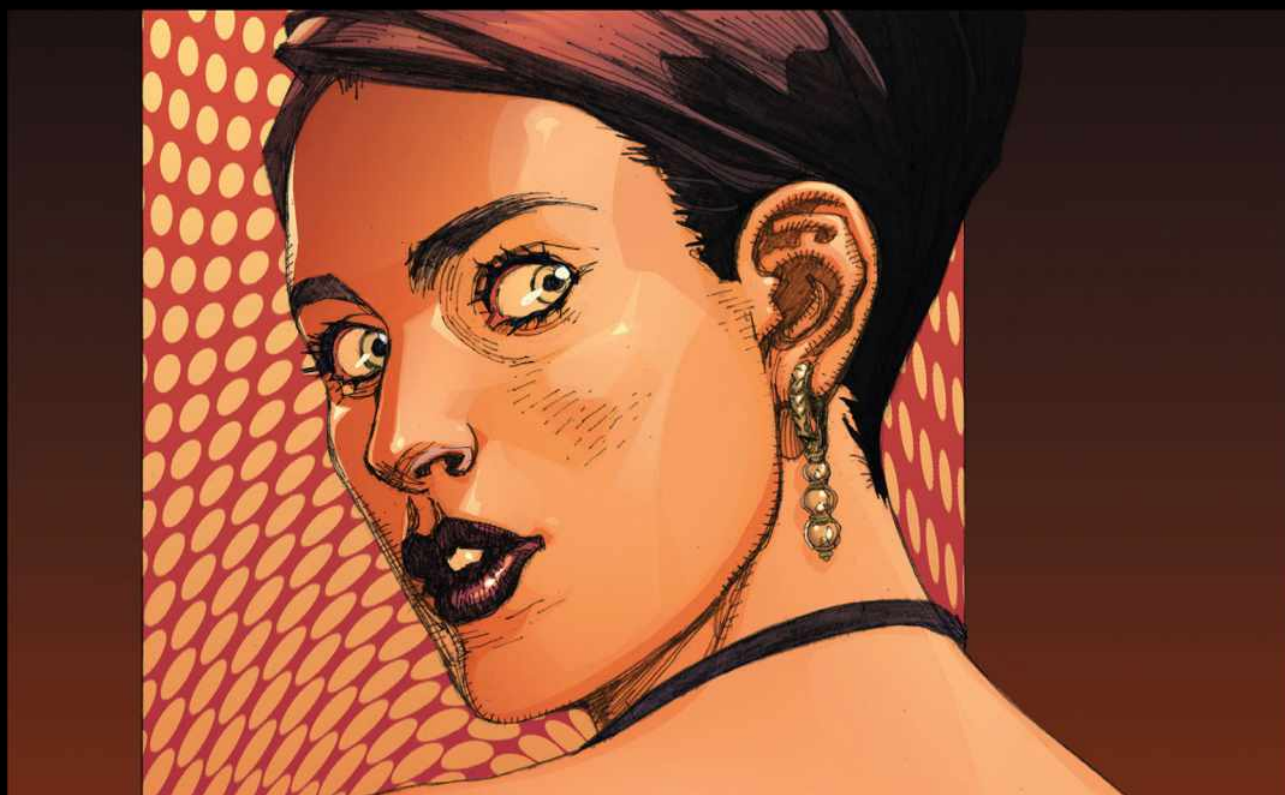


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THE NEW AVENGERS

ECHO
PREVIOUSLY...



The New Avengers know that the shape-shifting aliens known as the Skrulls have invaded the Earth. And, since they cannot tell who is really a Skrull, they cannot trust anyone to be who they seem to be, including each other. This has sent the Avengers into a tailspin of mistrust.

Maya Lopez, the deaf woman raised by the Kingpin with the ability to emulate any opponent's fighting style, has recently reinvented her life by becoming a New Avenger...

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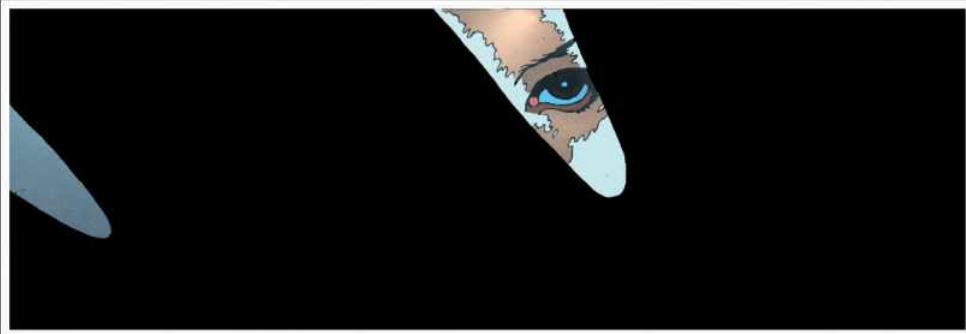
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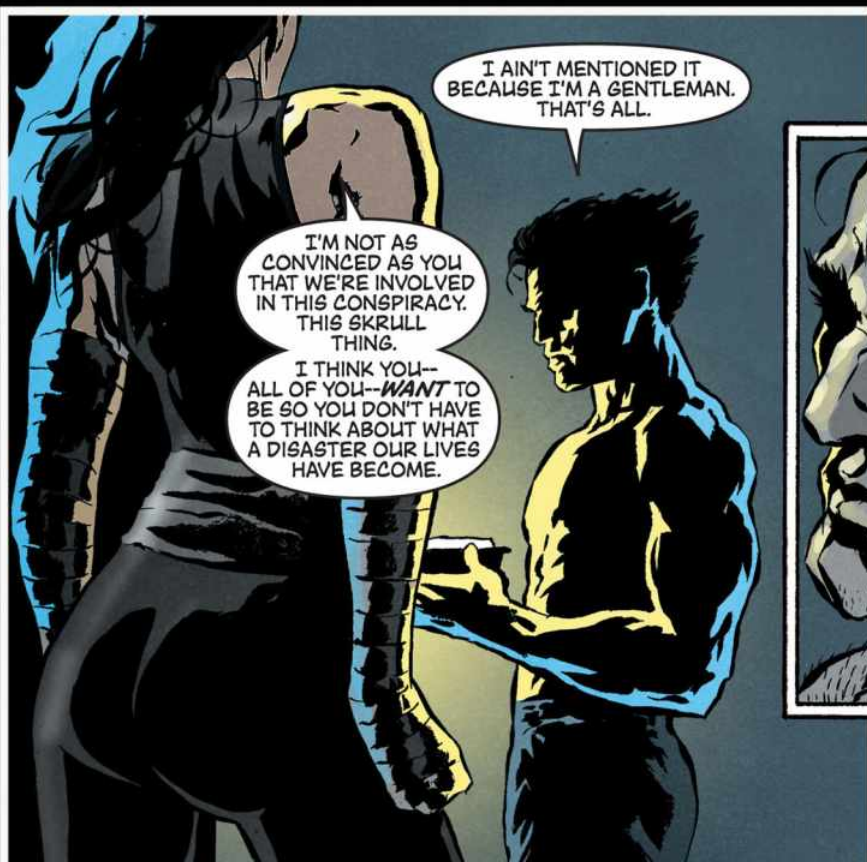
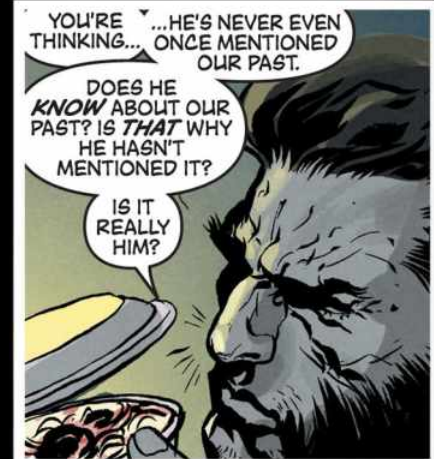
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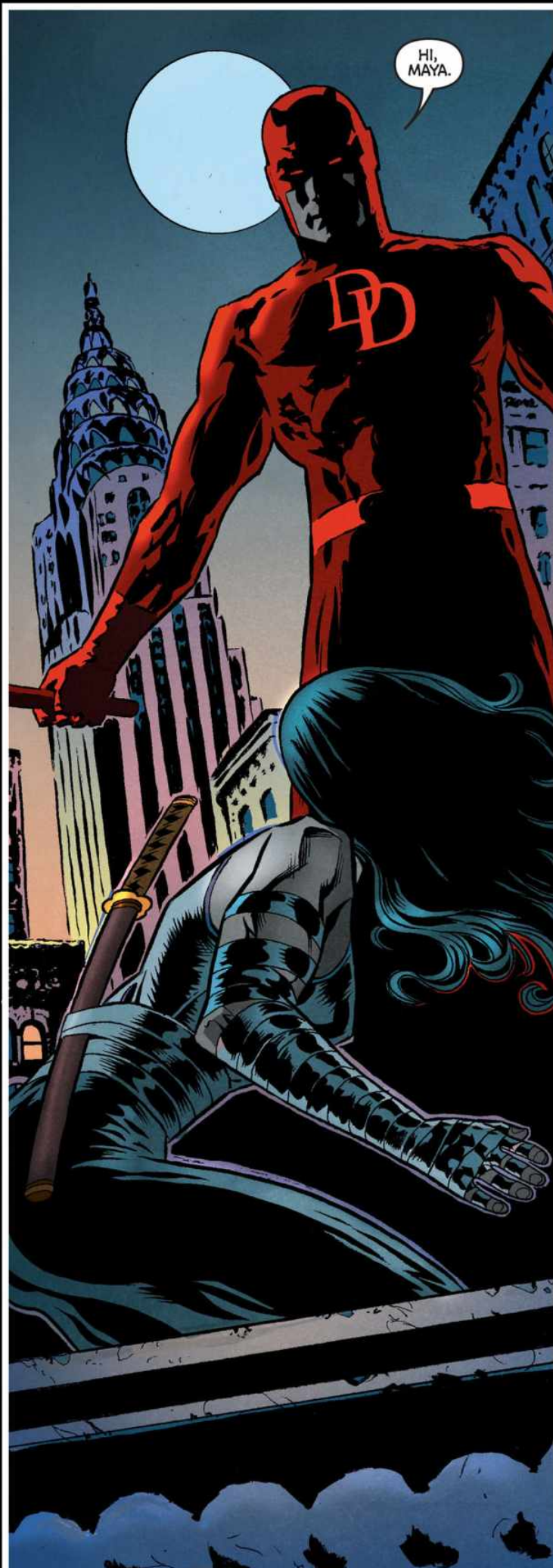
CAN'T SMELL THEM, CAN'T SEE THEM. CAN'T TRUST ANYONE OUTSIDE THIS PLACE NOT TO BE ONE.



...I WASN'T GOING TO LET THEM LEAVE *YOU* OUT THERE IN JAPAN TO FEND FOR YOURSELF.







HI,
MAYA.



MATT MURDOCK!
I WASN'T SURE YOU
WERE BACK IN
AMERICA.

WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN
HIDING?

ON A
ROAD YOU
PUT ME
ON.

YOU'RE
STILL WITH
LUKE CAGE
AND THE
OTHERS?

YES,
I AM.

STILL?

YES.
STILL.

YOU'RE--
YOU'RE LIKE
THIS WHOLE
REBEL SUPER
HERO PERSON
NOW.
YOU'RE AN
AVENGER.



I'M *WITH* THEM.
DON'T KNOW IF IT
MAKES ME *ONE*
OF THEM.

YET.

WERE YOU
COMING AROUND
LOOKING FOR ME?



I HAD
TO--
I NEED
TO KNOW...
WHY DID
YOU SEND
CAPTAIN AMERICA
TO ME?





YOU'RE
JUST A HUMAN
GIRL.

DON'T
TURN THIS INTO
A SITUATION.





I'VE
SPENT SO
MUCH TIME
STUDYING
YOU.

PLEASE,
I DON'T WANT
TO HURT YOU ANY
MORE THAN IS
NECESSARY.

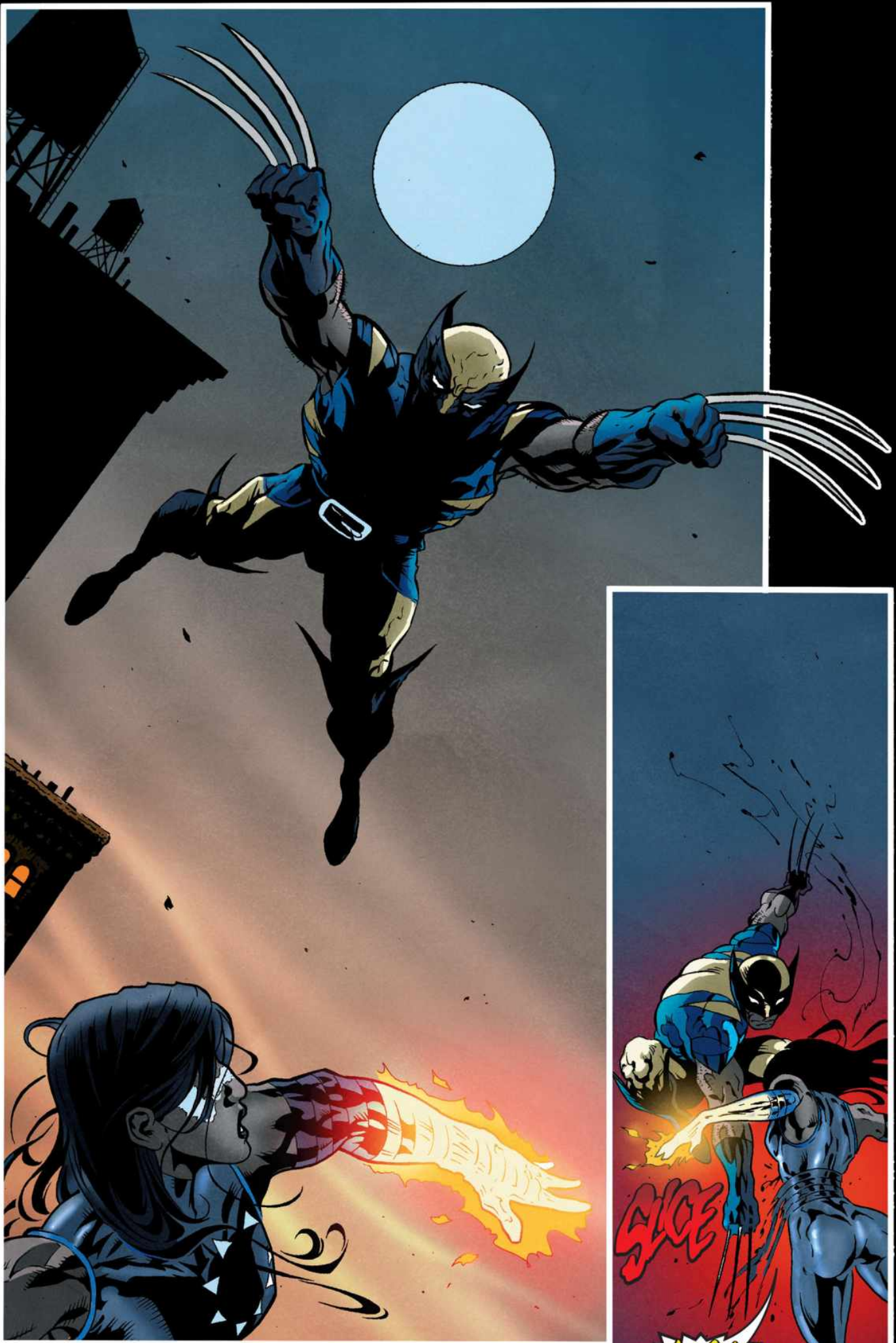
JUST LET
WHAT NEEDS
TO HAPPEN
HAPPEN.



CLANG



















NOW AGH DO YOU BELIEVE ME? TOLD YA THE SKRULLS ARE--

OH! I GOT YOU.

GIVE ME A MINUTE.

I GOT YOU.



YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME?

YES I WAS. LUCKY FOR YOU.

WHY? 'CAUSE IF I SOWE IF I WAS A SKRULL LOOKING TO SINK THEIR CLAWS INTO *OUR* LITTLE TEAM, *YOU'D* BE THE ONE I'D GO AFTER.

YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT A' TIES. THE LEAST HISTORY.

YOU'RE THE ONE I'D GRAB.



THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ME AND REPLACE ME.

YEAH, THEY WERE GOING TO SWITCH YOU OUT.

I WAS RIGHT, YOU WERE WRONG. AND YOU'RE WELCOME.







THIS ISN'T THE AVENGERS.
WHERE YOU WERE--*THAT* WAS THE AVENGERS.



WELL, TRUE.

EXCEPT THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAID ABOUT THE AVENGERS WHEN I JOINED THE AVENGERS.

THE PRESS BASHED THE @##% OUT OF US. BUT THEN, ONE DAY, EVERYONE'S SAYING... THAT THOSE WERE THE GLORY DAYS.



GLORY DAYS.



YEAH.

IT NEVER FEELS LIKE IT BUT THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU TURN AROUND AND IT'S TOMORROW... AND YESTERDAY WAS THE GLORY DAYS.

IN FACT, I THINK I'M GOING TO LOOK BACK ON *THIS* CONVERSATION RATHER FONDLY.



OH, YOU DO?

I DO.

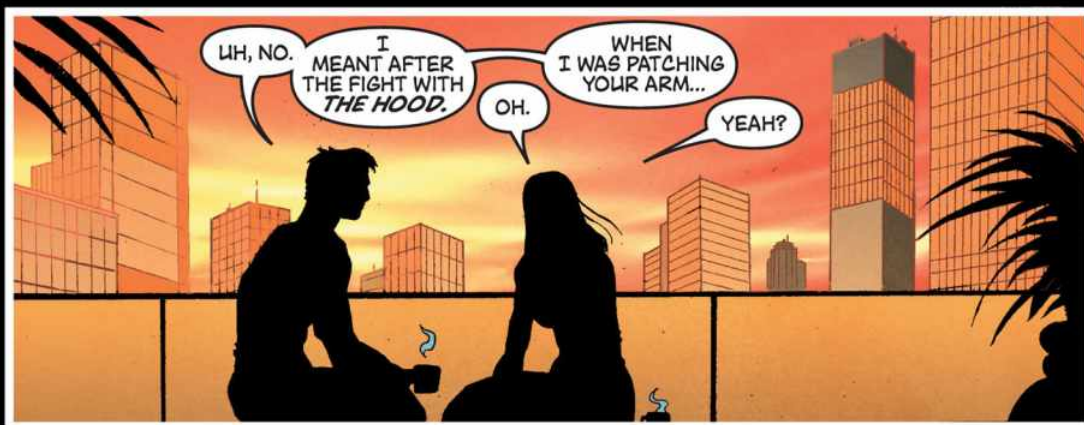


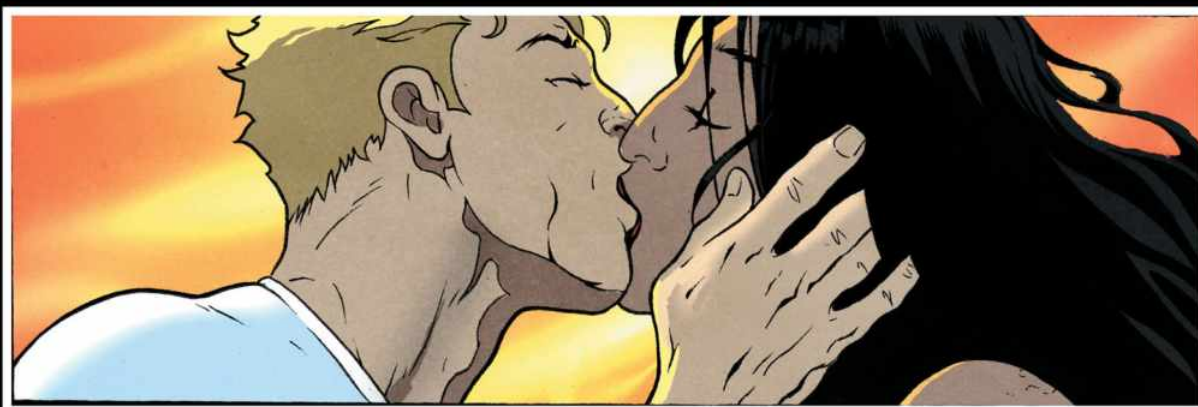
HEY, UH... (SORRY...)

REMEMBER THE OTHER DAY...



WHEN I WALKED IN ON YOU IN THE SHOWER?







NEXT ISSUE **SKRULLS!**

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